

REMARKS

Claims 10, 27, 56, and 72 are allowed. Claims 23, 68, and 82 were indicated to be allowable. Claims 1, 26, 47, and 71 are cancelled. Accordingly, claims 10, 23, 27, 56, 68, 72, and 82 are currently pending.

Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 37 is amended to more clearly recite the claimed invention. No new matter is added. Accordingly, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 37.

Claims 26 and 71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Gregory (U.S. Patent No. 6,240,219). Claims 26 and 71 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,337,472) in view of Cabib et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,936,731). Claims 26 and 71 are cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 26 and 71 is moot.

Claims 1 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hadbawnik (EPO 0 320 530). Claims 1 and 47 are cancelled. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1 and 47 are moot.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 23, 68, and 82 are allowable if they are rewritten in independent form. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicant has amended claims 23, 68, and 82 to be in independent form. Claims 1, 26, 47, and 71 are cancelled. Thus, Applicant submits that all pending claims are now allowable. It should be noted, however, that the amendments to the claims are being made solely to advance prosecution of the application and Applicant intends to file a continuation application with all of the rejected claims.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its earlier allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact him at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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